

## REMARKS

### A. Request for Reconsideration

Applicant has carefully considered the matters raised by the Examiner in the outstanding Office Action but remains of the position that patentable subject matter is present. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the Examiner's position based on the amendments to the claims and the following remarks.

### B. Claim Status and Claim Amendments

Claims 16 and 18-29 are present for further prosecution.

Claim 16 has been amended herein to add the limitations of Claim 17 and Claim 17 has been canceled. Claim 16 has also been amended herein to recite that the open recess is a substantially rectangular shaped open recess with opposing end walls and a planar base. The opposing end walls are recited as being on the long side of the rectangular shaped recess. Probably, the best support for these limitations can be found in the drawings as well as the description on page 5 of the Specification. In Figure 1, the opposing end walls are shown at edges 23 and 24 of the open rectangular shaped recess 6 and the planar base which extends between these opposing end walls is designated by reference character 7.

Claim 18 has also been amended herein because it is the inclusion of Claim 17 into Claim 16.

It is respectfully submitted that the amended claims should be entered because they better define the Invention and distinguish over the cited references therefore placing the claims in condition for allowance and narrowing all issues that are currently in this Application.

### C. Claim Rejections, Prior Art

The Examiner has rejected claims 16-22 under 35 USC 103 as being unpatentable over Dolasia in view of Huang and rejected Claims 23-29 as being unpatentable over Dolasia in view of Huang and Chen.

In the present invention, the mounting engaging surface comprises an open recess formed by two opposing parallel end walls and **a planar base perpendicular to and extends between the end walls**; the base has a V-shaped recess which has two surfaces angled at 120° to each other and which extend up to the base. The Examiner recognized that Dolasia does not teach the mounting of the present invention. However, the Examiner asserts that Huang to teach such a mounting with the specific engaging surface.

As is clearly shown in the cited figure in Huang, the shape of the recess as indicated by the Examiner is formed by **two parts**, seat body 220 (corresponding to the mounting in the present invention) and reverse seat body 230 (corresponding to the cap in the present invention, claimed in Claim 20). Clearly, there is no open recess formed by **two opposing parallel end walls**. On the contrary, the mounting of the present invention has opposing parallel end walls as shown as FIG. 1. Furthermore, the base part 230 referred by the Examiner has no portion perpendicular to the two opposing parallel end walls.

It is noticed that the Examiner cited the reinforced plate 234 in Huang as the cap in the present invention. As claimed in claims 20-24 and discussed in the 3<sup>rd</sup> paragraph at page 6 of the specification, the cap is a corresponding part to the mounting, which has a matching engaging surface comprising two rectangular recess 18a connected by a substantially U-shaped recess 18. This feature is shown in the Figs 2-3 in the present invention. Huang indicates that parts 233 and 234 are two “reinforced plates” provided on the outer sides of the two sides of the reverse seat body 230 for reinforcement. Clearly, part 234 is not the cap in the present invention.

Therefore, Dolasia and Huang, in combination, do not teach the mounting element in the present invention. It is respectfully submitted that the claims are patentable over Dolasia and Huang.

Claims 23-29 are dependent claims based on Claim 16. As previously noted in the Response filed April 29, 2008, Chen does not have a base that is perpendicular to and extends between end walls and does not have a V-shaped recess in the base. Therefore, Chen can not remedy the deficiencies in the teachings of the mounting element by the combination of Dolasia and Huang.

It is respectfully submitted that claim 16 and its dependent claims 17-30 are patentable over the cited references.

D. Conclusion

It is respectfully submitted that the application is in condition for allowance and such action is respectfully requested. Should any extensions of time or fees be necessary in order to maintain this Application in pending condition, appropriate requests are hereby made and authorization is given to debit Account # 02-2275.

Respectfully submitted,

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